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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1351

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Same Day Voter Registration.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Orentlicher

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill permits a voter to register at the polls by completing a voter registration form, an affirmation that the person has not voted elsewhere in the election, and proof of residence. The bill specifies the documents acceptable as proof of residence, including a statement signed by another voter in the precinct that corroborates the residency of the person registering to vote. The bill requires that voter registration forms executed at the polls be processed in the same manner as other registrations.

The bill provides that an individual furnishes acceptable "proof of identification" for voting purposes if the individual presents one of the following documents issued to the individual, if the document shows the name of the individual, and the name conforms to the name in the individual's voter registration record: (1) A driver's license or state identification card issued by the state. (2) Official identification or a license issued by the United States, the state, a political subdivision, an employer, or a public or private higher educational institution. (3) A credit card. (4) A library card. (5) A check-cashing or courtesy card issued by a merchant in the normal course of business. (6) A real estate tax bill or receipt. (7) A residential lease. (8) A current electric, gas, or telephone bill that shows the name and address of the voter and service not earlier than 90 days before the election. (9) An airplane pilot's license. (10) A military discharge. (11) A handgun license.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The Election Commission would be required to prescribe a form for an affirmation statement that a person registering to vote on election day at a precinct had not voted elsewhere on election day. Additionally, the Election Division would be required to prescribe a standardized coding system to classify day-of-election registration documents to be placed in the county voter registration

system. These provisions would have a minimal impact on the Commission's and the Division's expenditures.

Background: As of December 2005, the Election Division had 13 staff positions. Three positions: a systems analyst, an unclassified executive position, and a Governor's fellow were vacant. The other 10 positions included two attorneys, two field auditors, two unclassified executive positions, two program coordinators, and two administrative personnel.

The Secretary of State reverted \$120,467 to the state General Fund at the end of FY 2005. The Election Division was appropriated \$855,576 in FY 2006 and \$856,052 in FY 2007 for administrative operations.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, county election boards and precinct election boards would have several additional responsibilities that would increase the administrative time necessary to ensure persons that registered on the day of election were able to vote.

Additionally, counties would have additional expenditures to ensure that precincts had enough registration forms, affirmation forms, regular ballots (in optical scan counties), and provisional ballots in order to meet the potential demand of day-of-election registration and voting. Direct recording electronic voting system counties would not require much additional expenditure with respect to regular ballots.

Background: For the 2004 general election, optical scan ballots were about \$0.29 per ballot, or \$290 per 1,000 ballots.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission; Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards; precinct election boards.

Information Sources: *State of Indiana HRM Detail Staffing Report, December 5, 2005; State Budget Agency: FY 2005 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries; State of Indiana: List of Appropriations July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007.*

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